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SUBJ: AUSTRALIA INTENSIFIES CONTROL PROTEIN MEAL EXPORTS

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1. FOLLOWING IMPOSITION EXPORT CONTROLS BY US ON VEGETABLE OILS, OILSEEDS, AND OILCAKE AND MEALS GOA DECIDED CLOSE EXAMINATION AUSTRALIAN POSITION. DOT MINISTER CAIRNS AND DPI MINISTER WRIEDT INSTRUCTED DEPARTMENTS CALL MEETING JULY 11 OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING CRUSHERS, OILSEED TRADERS, AND END-USERS TO ASSESS NEED FOR CONTROLS ON OILSEED AND VEGETABLE OIL EXPORTS. MEALS AND CAKE ALREADY CONTROLLED UNDER 3RD SCHEDULE CUSTOMS (PROHIBITED EXPORTS) REGULATIONS AND MAY NOT BE EXPORTED WITHOUT APPROVAL DPI.

2. THE QUESTION WHETHER SIMILAR CONTROLS SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON
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AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS VEGETABLE OILS AND OILSEEDS WAS NOT RESOLVED

AT TODAY'S MEETING, BUT AGREEMENT REACHED TO FORM INDUSTRY/
GOVERNMENT PANEL TO CLOSELY MONITOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION.
IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO FURTHER TIGHTEN EXPORT CONTROL ON VEGETABLE
OIL CAKE AND MEALS. LAST YEAR APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT OF
VEGETABLE OIL MEAL SUPPLIES WERE EXPORTED, BUT THIS WAS PARTLY
OFFSET BY IMPORTS OF ABOUT 25,000 TONS OF SOYBEAN MEAL.
WITH THE PRESENT CONTROLS EXPORT WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.
EXPORTS OF MEAT MEAL WILL ALSO BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED TO ENSURE
LOCAL SUPPLIES ARE MAINTAINED. LAST YEAR ABOUT 33 PERCENT OF
PRODUCTION WAS EXPORTED, OR ABOUT 120,000 METRIC TONS. SOME
REDUCTION OF THIS MAY ALSO BE POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH SITUATION
NOT CRITICAL.

3. AT MEETING TODAY SOME PRESSURE FROM END-USERS TO IMPOSE PRICE
CEILING ON MEALS, BUT GOA OFFICIALS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT NEED
FOR SUCH CONTROLS. DPI MINISTER WRIEDT DEFINITELY NOT IN FAVOR
USE OF EXPORT CONTROLS TO INSULATE DOMESTIC USERS FROM WORLD
MARKET PRICES, BUT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY INFLUENCE
ULTIMATE DECISION.
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